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Bend Company Plans Expansion

Salem, June 21 (UP)—The Dietz Manufacturing Co., Inc., Bend, which plans expansion of sawmill, logging and remanufacturing operations, filed articles of incorporation here today.

Signing the articles were Clifford R. Dietz, Harry A. Hufstader, F. G. Sholes and Ray A. Dietz.

The Dietz Manufacturing Co., Inc., was established in the Bend industrial area, at 638 Glennwood, more than a year ago by Clifford F. Dietz, former manager of the Oregon Trail Furniture shop, and the incorporation is a move toward expansion, it was learned here today.

Expansion Planned
 The remanufacturing company, which has been preparing cut stock for shipment, making custom furniture and doing cabinet work, will be operated by Dietz and his son, Ray, and two former Shevlin-Hixon men, F. G. Sholes and Harry A. Hufstader.

An addition to the firm's present structure, a five-story block building near the Lundgren mill, is to be completed in the near future, making possible further expansion of the plant.

Under the incorporation, the plant retains its present name, the Dietz Manufacturing Co.

Sholes is father of Forrest G. Sholes, Deschutes county deputy sheriff.

New Chamber Director Named

Redmond, June 21 — Walter Lantz was appointed a director of the Redmond chamber of commerce at the regular board meeting held by the group Tuesday noon.

He will fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Victor Clark. Clark presented his resignation because business necessitates his being out of town much of the time. Another director is to be appointed to take the place of Fred Baer, chamber president, who will assume duties of chamber manager on July 15.

Election of a new president will take place at the next meeting.

Announcement was made of the chamber forum meeting to be held Monday evening, June 25, at 7 p.m. at the Redmond hotel. Speaker of the evening will be Phil Hitchcock who will discuss legislative problems.

The Central Oregon chamber of commerce will hold its meeting in Redmond the evening of June 26.

BOARD HOLDS MEETING
 Redmond, June 21 — The Mid-state Soil Conservation board of directors met Monday evening, June 18, in Redmond. B. L. Fleck presided at the meeting in the absence of the chairman, A. J. Halter.

A report on equipment was made by Joe Rogers, and the group voted to accept the well drill subject to the specified terms.

Members present at the meeting were Fleck, Jack Shumway, George Elliott, Joe Rogers, Anton Winkel and Gene Lear.

It takes some 12,000 separate parts to make a modern automobile.

WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson
 (NEA Washington Correspondent)

Washington (NEA)—One year ahead of schedule, the Marshall plan for European recovery is practically over. This is a little recognized fact. There should be good propaganda value in it for consumption both at home and abroad. But it is not being played up.

What is still more striking is that the original goal of the Marshall plan is being achieved at nearly \$5 billion dollars less than was originally estimated.

As of May 31, year and one month before the scheduled expiration date, allocations for the 17 Marshall plan countries total \$11.6 billion.

The congress is being asked to appropriate another \$1.6 billion for Marshall plan operations during the coming year. But of this sum, it is estimated that less than 25 per cent—not more than \$400 million—will go directly for civilian economic recovery projects.

This amount, plus the \$11.6 billion already allocated, makes the \$12 billion which is properly chargeable to the Marshall plan as it was originally conceived.

The \$400 million aid requested for next year will go almost entirely to three countries—western Germany, Austria and Greece. Western Germany and Austria are of course war babies. The fact that they still have zones occupied by Russian armies has held back their recovery.

If peace treaties could have been concluded with Austria and Germany and new governments recognized for their respectively united territories, the recovery story there might also be near a conclusion.

Greece, of course, was in the midst of a full-scale civil war when the Marshall plan began operations. Greece was 18 months behind the rest of Europe in getting on the road to recovery.

In all honesty, it must be admitted that Greece will require even more than another 18 months to catch up with the rest of Europe. The elements for a self-sustaining economy simply are not there.

Great Britain officially withdrew from Marshall plan assistance last December. France, Italy and the Low Countries could withdraw now. Denmark and Norway are back on their feet. Sweden and Switzerland, the neutrals in both world wars, needed assistance only to integrate their economies with the rest of Europe. Portugal and Turkey could get along. Trieste and Iceland, the remaining two tiny areas in the Marshall plan organization, are, of course, special problems, not directly related to the larger problems of western Europe as a whole.

Liquidation of the Marshall plan organization might therefore be the beginning now of one disturbing factor. That is the threat of soviet invasion and the need to assist western Europe in re-arming for its own defense.

That has changed the Marshall plan concept. It is not just European recovery that is being sought, for Europe has recovered, miraculously. The Marshall plan's new goal in Europe is, to quote an economic cooperation administration statement:

"To make western Europe economically strong enough to support the defense effort that is necessary if it is to withstand the threat of aggression."

"This is where the remaining \$1.2 billion of next year's Marshall plan request for \$1.6 billion is to be spent. The wheels of western European industry which the Marshall plan speeded up for civilian production have to be converted to production of military equipment.

In this period of its second post-war economic readjustment, Europe will require further assistance. Since the Marshall plan organization is already established as a going concern, it is only logical that this further assistance be administered by this agency.

How long this further economic assistance will be needed by Europe, no one can yet say. But a fair guess is that the program should be concluded when the U. S. defense mobilization is concluded, by the end of 1953. And the hope is that by then both Europe and America can again have guns and butter too.

RESIGNATION DATE SET

Cincinnati, O., June 21 (UP)—Baseball commissioner A. B. Chandler announced today that he will resign, effective July 15, ending an often-stormy six-year reign as the chief of the major leagues.

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TEST OF SINCERITY

The Oregon education association is on the spot, according to J. T. Marr, executive secretary of the state federation of labor, and we are inclined to agree with him. The spot, which he designated this week in his report at Klamath Falls to the annual convention of the Oregon federation, is one which the education association prepared. The association has until November, 1952 to remove itself therefrom.

All this has to do with the fact that in 1950 the education association stepped out for the second time to sponsor and put over legislation requiring huge annual state payments to public school districts. These commitments, it is to be remembered, are a prime factor in the approaching insolvency of the Oregon treasury. They were urged and obtained on the argument that they were needed to assure the raising of standards of common school education in the state.

But there were other things than money needed and these other things were detailed in the report of Dr. T. C. Holy, eastern educator who was hired to conduct a survey and recommend means of improving the education system of the state. For the most part Dr. Holy's recommendations were enacted by the 1951 legislature. Most important among them was one providing for reorganization and consolidation of districts on the theory that small units are, in the main, more expensive to operate and that they likewise offer less opportunity to the pupil.

This bill, too, was passed by the legislature but it has the opposition of the state grange which is behind a movement to refer it to the people. With sufficient signers on the referendum petitions it will be at issue at the general election next year.

Now, says Secretary Marr, "It will be interesting to observe whether the Oregon education association works as vigorously and spends as large a sum for the reorganization bill as it spent for the money bill. If it fails to do so it will stand convicted of insincerity in the 1950 election campaign."

Interesting indeed because the comparison is between millions of dollars and the abstraction of school standards. Human nature being what it is, enthusiasm may be expected to wane when standards, not money, are involved.

SALES TAX DEVELOPMENTS

Those who have supported sales tax proposals as put forward in Oregon have done so because of their belief that a sales tax would lighten the burden of ad valorem taxes on property. The state grange has been a consistent opponent of these proposals but individual grange organizations here and there throughout Oregon have seemed slowly to be coming around to a new stand and now, according to reports of last week's convention of the state body, its attitude is changing.

We say this on the strength of the news as given in Saturday's Oregonian. In this mention is made of "a rising sentiment in some local granges for a sales tax." Mindful of this, "Delegates," says the Portland paper's story, "snowed under a motion to remove the sales tax from (an) interim committee's field of study." It says, also, that "the Grange * * cautiously opened the door a crack for possible reversal a year hence of its traditional opposition to a general sales tax."

This suggestion of the possibility of an acceptance of the sales tax in Oregon comes at a time when other states are turning to this tax. Three new states have been added to the sales tax column this year, Georgia, Maine and South Carolina. These bring the total to 31 and in some of the former number of 28 the tax rates have been increased.

Matthews Plans To Resign Post

Washington, June 21 (UP)—Secretary of navy Francis P. Matthews has decided to resign and accept appointment as U. S. ambassador to Ireland, it was disclosed today.

The diplomatic post in Dublin was offered some time ago to the 64-year-old cabinet officer from Omaha. He only recently advised President Truman that he would accept.

Informed sources said Matthews advised Mr. Truman that service in Dublin as this country's envoy long has been one of his greatest ambitions. His only regret, he said, was that he had to surrender his responsibilities as secretary of the navy.

Infant Succumbs To Blood Malady

Rantoul, Ill., June 21 (UP)—A newborn boy died of a rare blood condition last night despite a jet pilot's 800-mile speed dash with a supply of red blood cells for its treatment.

The son of Capt. and Mrs. Isadore Halpern died at the base hospital at nearby Chanute air force base, 24 hours after birth.

When the child was born, doctors discovered he was an RH negative blood factor baby, and that pure red blood cells would be the only way to save his life. The plane, piloted by Capt. W. R. Raub, 31, Seattle, made one refueling stop and completed the 800-mile trip in two hours and 40 minutes.

RAIN HITS RENO

Reno, June 21 (UP)—Reno residents were mopping up today after a violent thunderstorm late yesterday afternoon brought a downpour of rain and hail and caused widespread damage throughout the city.

Many Reno streets were flooded with as much as three feet of water. Storm drains proved incapable of handling the heavy amount of water.

Lightning interfered with power service and radio station transmission was intermittent for a four-hour period. The U. S. weather bureau reported that the storm brought .61 of an inch of precipitation to the Reno area.

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